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Dear Ms. Hanlon:


This letter is to supplement our previous public comment in St. Louis last year and our subsequent letter. We remind you that the East St. Louis City Council passed a resolution against allowing shipments of nuclear waste to go through their city—either by highway or train. The citizens of the entire Metro East area of southwestern Illinois are against a plan with potentially such disastrous consequences.

Not only do we not want the waste to be transported through our area and our state, we do not want it stored at Yucca Mountain. We believe the proposed site is geologically unsound. Storing the waste would be a violation of a holy area for native Americans. And such a site would be an invitation for terrorists—as would the transportation routes throughout the country.

We believe the federal government needs to stop allowing more reactor wastes to be generated until—if ever—a solution is found for the waste already stockpiled. The potential for disaster for us in the middle of the country along the Mississippi River is just too great. Indeed, the use of nuclear energy in this country should be banned.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Kathy Andria
Director